GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SC/ST
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for SC/ST has been empowered to deal withcases of harassment and oppressive treatment in respect of service matters of the officials of Government Departments;

(b) if so, the powers given to the Commission in this regard; and

(c) the number of cases of harassment/oppressive treatment received by the Commission during the last three years ministry and its department-wise and the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) &(b): The National Commission for SC & ST has been constituted under Article 338of the constitution with the duty to investigate and monitor all matters relating to safeguards provided to SCs/STs, to inquire into specific complaints of the SCs &STs and to participate and advise on planning process for socio economic development of SCs & STs. The Commission has the powers of Civil Court for enforcing attendance of any person, production of any document requisitioning any public record etc.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of Lok Sabha.